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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6432

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG IMMEDIATE

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CSAF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T KUWAIT 1240

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR U. S. ASSISTANCE

HONG KONG FOR ASST. SEC. SISCO

REF: STATE 70959

1. RE PARA TWO REFTL, I SAW MINDEF SAAD TODAY, APRIL 17  
TO INTRODUCE DOD TEAM. IN PRIVATE SESSION AFTER TEAM HAD DEPARTED  
I EMPHASIZED US AIR FORCE OFFICER HAD BEEN INCLUDED ON TEAM  
TO ASSIST KUWAIT WITH ITS AIR FORCE REQUIREMENTS IN ANY WAY  
HE COULD. I ASKED WHEN GOK LIKELY DECIDE ON TYPE OF FIGHTER AIR  
CRAFT. MINDEF SAID MIRAGE F-1 WAS CURRENTLY FIRST CHOICE  
OF KUWAIT AIR FORCE AND DECISION GO AHEAD TO PURCHASE MIRAGE  
WOULD BE MADE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. I TOLD MINDEF IT WOULD IN MY  
OPINION, BE MISTAKE INTRODUCE NON- U. S. AIRCRAFT  
INTO U. S. AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS AND ASKED HIM GIVE ME  
TIME GO BACK ONCE MORE TO USG TO INQUIRE IF THERE ANY ALTERNATIVES  
WE COULD OFFER. MINDEF SAID IF U. S. HAD ANY NEW IDEAS IN NEXT  
DAY OR TWO HE WILLING INSTRUCT AIR FORCE TO LISTEN TO BRIEFING  
ON ALTERNATE U. S. PROPOSE FOR AIRCRAFT.

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2. COMMENT: OUR ONLY REMAINING HOPE FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT SALE TO KUWAIT APPEARS TO BE SUGGESTION RE F-8 S OUTLINED REFTEL. I BELIEVE AIRCRAFT ARE VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR OVERALL PACKAGE AND THEREFORE URGE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT IN WASHINGTON TO PERMIT US TO MAKE THIS LAST ATTEMPT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY FOR US TO DISCUSS F-8 ALTERNATIVE WITH GOK. IF F-8 ALTERNATIVE APPROVED, STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE ALSO BE AUTHORIZED OFFER IN- COUNTRY RPT IN- COUNTRY DEMONSTRATION SOONEST. STOLTZFUS

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